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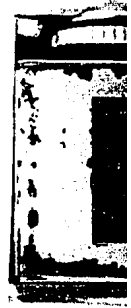
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HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEAGUE
TO STRESS DEMOLITION TRAINING

A committee of high-ranking Soviet officers went to Hungary recently to investigate the development of the MSzHSz (Magyar Szabadsagharcos Szovetseg, League of Hungarian Freedom Fighters). The committee found that the majority of the league's members had been receiving ideological rather than practical training. Minister of Defense Mihaly Farkas was held personally accountable for the deficiency and was told by the committee that partisans trained in demolition, not agitators, were required.

Consequently, Captain Olah [fnu] was recalled from Moscow and made head of the MSzHSz training department; Pal Szabo, who previously performed political service for the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority), was appointed his adviser.

Captain Olah's first move was to organize new partisan leader training courses in Szekesfehervar, Nagykanizsa, Miskolc, and Szolnok.

Since there is a lack of instructors, the 2-month technical training courses will be given in various places throughout the country for the present.

The current course in partisan leader training lasts 6 months. After a trainee has passed the examinations, he must become an instructor. His special training is entered in his military record and automatically gives him an officer's rating in the army.

The technical training courses which the instructors give have been cut to 90 hours. The following fields are covered: theoretical and practical training in all the side arms used by the army; practice in the use of the trench knife; practice in the use of hand grenades in close combat and against tanks and other military vehicles; training in demolition, including a study of the various types of explosives and incendiary material as well as their preparation at home; training in technical demolition or disruption of telecommunications, railroad installations and trains, and public utilities; construction and destruction of auxiliary defenses; an armed forces survey which includes a study of the uniform,

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arms, insignia of rank, and organization and armament of the armed forces of the West; and a special assignment which consists of training in creating confusion behind enemy lines. Each partisan has to choose and receive training in some particular branch of the armed forces also.

Partisans who have completed training are given individual or group assignments. Those receiving individual assignments are sent to live and work near the place where they are to operate in case of emergency. Their mission is secret; they live and work as ordinary civilians.

Group assignments are carried out by 14 men, one of whom is an officer also serving in the AVH. These so-called "vegrehajto csoportok" (executive squads) do not know the mission they will have to carry out. The leader of the group is informed of the mission by courier immediately before the group sets out. The courier also tells the leader where arms or supplies are to be found.

Partisans must provide their own food and lodging, taking it from the civilian population by force if necessary. The partisans are supposed to remain at the scene of their activities so they will be able to report accurately on the success of their mission.

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